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In re application of :  
Ryoji YAMAGUCHI et al. : Attn: BOX PCT  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, lines 7-9, delete "usually, since the prefix code of the packet start code appears in the data sequence for every data unit indicated by the packet length included in the packet header information,".

Page 4, line 23, change "0E" to --E0--.

Page 9, line 12, delete "As described above," and change "a" to --A--.

Page 13, lines 17-18, change "the coded and multiplexed signal separation apparatus" to --the encoded and multiplexed signal reproduction apparatus--.

ATTACHMENTD